

STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 17, 2008
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A

Members Present:

Ben Bobrow (Chairman)	Bill Ashland
Charles Allen	Martyn Fink
Michael Pfleger	Dave Ridings
Kelly Silberschlag	Mark Venuti
Laurie Wood	Peter Rhee
Philip Johnson	Stewart Hamilton
Debbie Johnston	*Jim Flaherty

Members Absent:

Jeff Farkas
Scott Petersen
Roy Ryals
Anslem Roanhorse
Michelle Ziemba

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 10:27 a.m. A quorum was present. *Jim Flaherty was available by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON JANUARY 31, 2008 MINUTES

- A motion was made by Michael Pfleger and seconded by Stewart Hamilton to approve the minutes of January 31, 2008 with one correction. Jim Flaherty was listed as absent and he should be listed as present by conference call.

Motion carried.

III. REPORTS

A. Report from EMS Medical Director and Chairman:

- Ben Bobrow introduced Dr. Peter Rhee to the board to replace Dr. John Porter.
- We are in the process of filling the category of “Representative From A National Association of Retired Persons” with Dr. Leonard Kirschner. Dr. Kirschner is the State AARP President and the former Director of AHCCCS from 1987 to 1993.
- We are in the process of finding a “Representative For Federal Indian Health Services Organization” – Indian Health Services
- We are in the process of finding a “Representative From A Tribal Health Organization” – we are awaiting their reply

B. Report from Bureau Chief

- Terry Mullins did not have anything to report at this time.
- Due to a time conflict for Joel Bunis, item #IV E. was moved up on the agenda.

(IV. E) EMS/Trauma – Triage, Treatment, Transport Protocols

- The Protocols, Medications, and Devices (PMD) Committee broke down categories of protocols that we need and then assigned each protocol (ex. Pediatrics) to that specific area. The committee has been meeting for the last five months to go over the draft protocols and then we will be submitting them for approval to Medical Direction Commission (MDC), the State Trauma Advisory Board (STAB) and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council for approval as state guidance documents.

Item: EMS/Trauma – Triage, Treatment, Transport Protocols
Follow Up: Medical Direction Commission (MDC) and EMS Council
When: April 18, 2008
Who: Joel Bunis

- The last time the protocols were updated was 1994. These are broad state guidelines. Each region may amend these as necessary to fit their region.
- The guidelines were updated based on research and are strictly treatment for prehospital and transport.
- It was recommended that we have regular re-evaluations of the protocols.
- A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Dave Ridings to approve these two trauma protocols as guidance documents with the addition of checking to make sure the person isn't allergic and by deleting the blank box. **Motion carried.**
- All draft protocols will go forward to the Medical Direction Commission and EMS Council for approval.

C. Report from Trauma System Section Chief:

1. Road Show

a. Rural Hospital CEO's

- Vicki Conditt stated she did a Level IV trauma center designation overview at the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association to five rural hospital CEO's (Critical Access Hospitals). A couple of those hospitals intend to apply for Level IV designation. They have applied for and are receiving rural health flex-grant money to assist with this process.

b. Specific Hospitals

- We have visited two hospitals to date and are planning on the third on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. We abstracted numbers out of the hospital discharge and emergency department databases by ICD9 codes to provide an estimated number of potential trauma patients within a certain mileage radius around their facility that the hospital may have been able to bill for trauma activations under the Uniform Billing Code if the hospital was designated as a trauma center. The "road show" has been well received.
- We have been working with 10 or 12 hospitals in the state; a number of them are moving forward. They are getting policies in place and preparing so that they can apply for designation.

c. Other groups – ALHOA, IHS,

- Vicki Conditt stated she did a presentation about a month ago to the county supervisors. They asked how they can help and were told to encourage their local hospitals to apply for trauma designation.
- Terry Mullins did a presentation to Indian Health Services.
- We anticipate a number of hospitals will be designated as trauma centers at various levels in the next 6 to 8 months in addition to the Level I hospitals.

- We sent specific hospitals a letter offering to provide information on designation first and then they invited us to do the presentation. We asked them if they wanted the presentation geared to a Level III or Level IV.
- Trauma billing code 068X – cannot get reimbursement unless the hospital is designated or verified by ACS as a trauma center.

2. Legislation Update – SB1149 – HB2365 Amendment

- Senate Bill 1149 was the trauma bill that didn't go forward but some of the language was added to HB2365 as an amendment. This will expand the STAB membership by four positions and allow for trauma registry data to be used for research purposes.
- Discussion regarding HCR2044 – referendum – Prop 202 Money. Using trauma money from Prop 202 to pay for state deficits. This bill has moved further in the legislative process than it ever has. It was suggested that members contact their legislators.
- Dr. Flaherty asked what the position was of the gaming tribes. Michelle Pabis stated that they were present at the hearing this past Tuesday (April 15th) and registered opposition.
 - A question was asked whether this would also affect Kids Care and some other initiatives. The biggest impact would be on the expanded AHCCCS population.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Mass Casualty Event/Disaster Preparedness

- Bill Ashland and Mark Venuti gave a presentation on the major mass pile-up (155 vehicles) that took place 7 to 8 miles out of Flagstaff.
 - Flagstaff Medical took in 53 patients, 11 critical people, and 2 fatalities.
 - 12 people remained at Flagstaff Medical Center
 - There was about a 2 ½ mile crash site
 - People were not dressed for the weather because it was spring break
 - 100 physicians and staff reported to the hospital
 - 2 dozen extrications were done for people who were stuck in their vehicles
 - People were divided into 3 categories – immediate, delayed, or minor
 - The out-pouring from the community was unbelievable.
 - DPS had a separate command post set-up
 - Flagstaff Medical Center and Williams Clinic participated in the event.

B. Recommendations for Annual Report

- Vicki Conditt asked the Board to review the 2007 STAB Annual Report and contact us if there was anything that they would like to see in the 2008 Report.

C. Draft Quality Assurance Plan

1. Standards/Criteria

- One of the recommendations from the visit of the American College Surgeons (ACS) last June was that we look at our statutes and rules to make sure that we have everything in place to protect our data. So we contacted our Attorney General and they went through the statutes and rules. They determined that we

need a Quality Assurance Plan. This document will come back to STAB as we get closer to the final draft. A draft was presented to STAB members.

2. Establish Work Group

- AZTQ recommended establishing a work group or having an all day retreat to work on some of the QA guidelines.

Item: Draft Quality Assurance Plan
Follow Up: Establish Work Group
When: Before the next meeting – September 18, 2008
Who: Donna Meyer/Vicki Conditt

D. Report from AZTQ Meeting

1. Update on Status of State Trauma Registry – Anita Ray Ng

- The Arizona State Trauma Registry has completed the 2008 database change project. Data entry of January 1, 2008 forward is being captured by hospitals using the new specifications. This was a very time-consuming process, but will ultimately result in trauma data that is more comprehensive and more consistent with national standards.

ADHS hosted a beginning Trauma One software training on March 24th. 27 participants attended this training. The Advanced Report Writing Training is scheduled for April 28-29th.

The Trauma Registry Users Group (TRUG) met on March 25. Following the TRUG meeting, the software vendor facilitated a Hospital Reporting / PI Workshop.

2. Updated ASTR Data Submission Tracking Spreadsheet

- Members were provided with a table tracking 2007 hospital data submission to ASTR.

10 hospitals have submitted 2007 trauma data to the Arizona State Trauma Registry. Sierra Vista is expected to submit a 4th quarter 2007 data file this month. Phoenix Children's Hospital has started entering 2008 data. This will put the registry at 12 reporting hospitals. 7 of these facilities are designated Level I trauma centers.

3. ASTR Data Reports – Update

- A draft 2007 ASTR Standard Public Report was included in each member's packet. The report is incomplete, as we are waiting for two hospitals to submit final quarter 2007 data. There are also some data quality issues that need to be addressed before this report can be finalized. We expect to have the final draft by the next meeting.

The quality of the trauma data is improving each year.

IV. E – Refer to III. B

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Vicki Conditt wanted to remind designated trauma centers that most of the designations expire by the end of the year or by the first of January. Please move forward with your ACS visit and we will collaborate with them.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular STAB Meeting will be held on September 18, 2008.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: September 18, 2008